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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on February 1, 2005. The inventory was two percent above February 1, 2004 and six percent above February 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.89 million, seven percent above 2004 but 10 percent below 2003. Net placements were 1.81 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 458,000, 700-799 pounds were 628,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 419,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.78 million, up slightly from 2004 but down 10 percent from 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 74,000 during January, 21 percent below 2004 and one percent below 2003.

CATTLE ON FEED: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, January 2004, December 2004 and January 2005

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
<i>1,000 head</i>					
January	367	466	*579	342	*1,754
December	465	558	489	322	1,834
January	380	458	628	419	1,885

*Revised

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED, 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, AND UNITED STATES

State	Number on feed January 1			Placed during January			Marketed during January			Other disappearance during January			Number on feed February 1		
	2004	2005	2005-04	2004	2005	2005-04	2004	2005	2005-04	2004	2005	2005-04	2004	2005	2005-04
	<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>			<i>1,000 head</i>		
			Percent			Percent			Percent			Percent			Percent
AZ	293	331	113	32	27	84	26	30	115	3	3	100	296	325	110
CA	510	535	105	53	59	107	60	63	105	5	6	120	500	525	105
CO	1,040	1,080	104	165	175	106	160	185	116	5	10	200	1,040	1,060	102
ID	300	195	98	41	37	90	64	66	103	2	1	50	275	265	96
IA	370	450	122	64	77	120	47	60	128	2	2	100	385	465	121
KS	2,430	2,410	99	455	475	104	440	450	102	25	15	60	2,420	2,420	100
NE	2,280	2,300	101	380	425	112	360	360	100	20	15	60	2,280	2,350	103
NM	115	126	110	17	18	106	13	13	100	2	2	100	117	129	110
OK	355	350	99	50	55	110	53	52	98	2	3	150	350	350	100
SD	200	192	96	30	41	137	29	26	90	1	2	200	200	205	103
TX	2,830	2,700	95	390	425	109	430	395	92	20	10	50	2,770	2,720	98
WA	200	190	95	*29	30	103	*33	29	88	1	1	100	*195	190	97
Oth. Sts.	330	350	106	46	41	89	60	47	78	6	4	67	310	330	106
													*11,13		
U.S.	11,253	11,300	100	*1,754	1,885	107	*1,775	1,776	100	94	74	79	8	11,334	102

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AVERAGE PRICES, NEBRASKA, DOLLARS PER CWT

Week ended	Slaughter steers Choice 1150-1500 lbs			Slaughter heifers Choice 1000-1300 lbs		
	2004		2005	2004		2005
Jan 29		80.54		80.73		86.72
Feb 05		75.42		75.93		88.91
Feb 12		77.62		77.56		88.70

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-February 2005 averaged 50.0 cents, up 10.0 cents from mid-January. Table egg production in Florida during January was 228 million eggs, down five percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.61 billion during January 2005, up three percent from last year. Production included 6.52 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2005 averaged 348 million, up three percent from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,188 eggs, up slightly from January 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2005, totaled 348 million, up three percent from a year ago. The 348 million layers consisted of 289 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2005, averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

MID-MONTH TABLE EGG PRICES RECEIVED BY FLORIDA EGG PRODUCERS.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2004	2005
January	81.0	40.0
February	81.0	50.0
March	101.0	
April	67.0	
May	52.0	
June	53.0	
July	46.0	
August	40.0	
September	34.0	
October	36.0	
November	46.0	
December	53.0	

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month, percent molting and molted

	Feb 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005
Total layers on hand: Thous.	11,105	10,657	10,315	10,122
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	3.5	2.0	8.5	7.5
Molt completed	30.5	21.5	20.0	19.5

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, JANUARY 2005, PRODUCTION YEAR-TO-DATE EGG PRODUCTION FOR SELECTED STATES

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Millions</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Alabama	9,255	1,945	180	43	137	260	1.0	5.0
Arkansas	15,138	1,936	293	107	186	582	3.5	8.5
California	20,512	2,238	459			929	6.0	34.5
Florida	10,325	2,286	236	228	8	482	7.5	19.5
Georgia	20,365	2,121	432	254	178	868	2.5	17.0
Indiana	23,463	2,212	519	506	13	1,050	5.5	30.5
Iowa	49,771	2,176	1,083			2,097	4.0	29.0
Maine	2,226	1,977	44			108	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,184	2,324	74	73	1	151	2.5	32.5
Michigan	7,389	2,206	163			337	9.0	26.5
Minnesota	10,946	2,275	249	241	8	499	2.5	26.5
Mississippi	7,144	1,876	134	38	96	269	2.5	9.0
Missouri	7,362	2,200	162			327	5.5	16.0
Nebraska	12,044	2,292	276	276		548	9.0	21.0
New York	4,106	2,435	100			203	1.5	5.0
North Carolina	10,954	1,981	217	80	137	435	1.5	6.5
Ohio	28,017	2,252	631			1,278	7.0	23.0
Pennsylvania	24,484	2,336	572	555	17	1,141	5.0	14.5
South Carolina	5,288	2,307	122	103	19	245	2.5	27.0
Texas	18,064	2,176	493			813	4.0	16.5
Virginia	3,124	2,049	64	30	34	132	3.5	11.2
Washington	4,988	2,265	113			228	8.0	34.0
Other States	49,325		1,091	400	93	2,195	5.0	26.5
United States	347,739	2,188	7,607	6,518	1,090	15,306	4.6	21.8

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The January hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4,854,000 was two percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on February 1, at 3,821,000, were six percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during January at 908,000 chicks was 48 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on February 1, at 604,000 were 15 percent above a year ago.

UNITED STATES

The January 2005 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 796 million, was up three percent from January of the previous year. There were 654 million eggs in incubators on February 1, 2005, up three percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.29 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2005, down eight percent from January 2004.

Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 36.8 million, up four percent from January 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.3 million on February 1, 2005, up nine percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 157,000 during January 2005, down four percent from January 2004.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION, UNITED STATES

Item	2004	2005	2005 % of 2004
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-- Thousands --

EGG-TYPE:

Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	30,520	33,277	109
Chicks hatched during Jan	35,350	36,761	104
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	164	157	96
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,012	3,194	106

BROILER-TYPE:

Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	636,126	654,044	103
Chicks hatched during Jan	773,970	796,026	103
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,811	6,289	92
7-15 months earlier ^{2/}	60,450	61,823	102

^{1/} 2005 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2003 through June 2004.

^{2/} 2005 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2003 through June 2004.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 207 million pounds of milk during January 2005, three percent above the previous January. Production per cow of 1,500 pounds was five percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in January totaled 138,000, one percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 13.2 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from January 2004. December production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from December 2003.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,637 pounds for January, 13 pounds above January 2004.

The number of cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.08 million head, 38,000 head more than January 2004, but 15,000 head less than December 2004.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND U.S.

Month and year		Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
			Per cow	Monthly Total
		Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
FLORIDA:				
January	2004	140	1,435	201
December	2004	138	1,450	200
January	2005	138	1,500	207
20 MAJOR STATES:				
January	2004	8,044	1,624	13,061
December	2004	8,097	1,610	13,037
January	2005	8,082	1,637	13,229
UNITED STATES:				
January	2004	8,985	1,603	14,402
December	2004	9,013	1,587	14,303
January	2005	8,993	1,616	14,535

MILK PRODUCTION BY QUARTERS, UNITED STATES

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,144	8,993	4,710	4,755	43,069	42,759
Apr-Jun	9,109	9,001	4,827	4,869	43,965	43,824
Jul-Sep	9,073	9,027	4,601	4,679	41,746	42,239
Oct-Dec	9,011	9,019	4,609	4,655	41,532	41,983
Annual Total	9,084	9,010	18,749	18,957	170,312	170,805

^{1/} Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk fed to calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for January 2005 was 4.5 million pounds, four percent below the same month last year.

Commercial production of red meat in the United States for January at 3.65 billion pounds, was two percent below 2004.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION, FLORIDA AND UNITED STATES

Source and kind	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Year to date 2004	Year to date 2005
FLORIDA					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	7	7	^{2/}	7	^{2/}
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	13	7	7	7
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,183	2,132	1,126	1,183	1,126
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	15	18	12	15	12
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.7	5.3	4.5	4.7	4.5
UNITED STATES					
CATTLE:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,577	2,691	2,528	2,577	2,528
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,219	3,412	3,190	3,219	3,190
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,249	1,268	1,262	1,249	1,262
Beef production (million pounds)	1,924	2,042	1,915	1,924	1,915
CALVES:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	79	75	68	79	68
Total liveweight (million pounds)	27	25	22	27	22
Average liveweight (pounds)	336	334	329	336	329
Veal production (million pounds)	16	15	13	16	13
HOGS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,789	9,250	8,478	8,789	8,478
Total liveweight (million pounds)	2,364	2,497	2,288	2,364	2,288
Average liveweight (pounds)	269	270	270	269	270
Pork production (million pounds)	1,758	1,857	1,704	1,758	1,704
SHEEP AND LAMBS:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	219	242	209	219	209
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	31	34	29	31	29
LAMB AND MUTTON:	15	17	14	15	14
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,714	3,931	3,647	3,714	3,647

^{1/} Does not include calf slaughter data.

^{2/} Not available.